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SUBJECT: BULGARIAN PUSH TO ESTABLISH TRADE OFFICE

1. DFA ACTING ASST SEC FOR AMERICAN AFFAIRS, PABLO SUAREZ, TOLD ECON/COMMERCIAL CONSELOR DEC 19 THAT BULGARIA WAS PRESSING FOR JANUARY 1, 1976 OPENING OF A BULGARIAN TRADE OFFICE IN MANILA. BULGARIA HAS SENT A SPECIAL ENVOY OF THE MINISTRY OF TRADE WHO IS NOW IN MANILA TO NEGOTIATE.

2. ACCORDING TO SUAREZ, BULGARIA WISHES TO CONTINUE PRESENT DUAL ACCREDITATION OF AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN. GOP, HOWEVER, HAS PRESSED BULGARIANS TO OPEN AN EMBASSY IN MANILA, EVEN IF PLACED UNDER A CHARGE FOR THE INDEFINITE FUTURE.

3. SUAREZ EXPRESSED NO OPINION AS TO WHY BULGARIANS WERE IN SUCH A HURRY TO ESTABLISH REPRESENTATION IN MANILA, ALTHOUGH WE ARE AWARE THAT ARRIVAL OF THE PRC AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN FOLLOWED BY A FLURRY OF EASTERN EUROPEAN EFFORTS, E.G., BY AEROFLOT, TO GAIN A FOOT-HOLD. SUAREZ FELT GOP WOULD PROBABLY AGREE TO ESTABLISH-
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MENT OF THE BULGARIAN TRADE OFFICE, PROBABLY IN THE

NEXT TWO OR THREE MONTHS. SULLIVAN

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